

CAPSULE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

405 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

F. Duncan Connell

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Unknown

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 5112

Folio #: 398

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>May, 1979</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**Exterior Only:**

This frame bungalow is one of several located on Pennsylvania Avenue. The 1½ story structure is covered with brown wooden shingles, rests on a stone foundation (which has an exaggerated beaded grouting) and is topped with a steeply pitched slate gable roof.

The main facade faces North and is a large two bays wide. The entrance-way in the westernmost bay has a door which has eight panes of glass in the upper one-half. The two light side lights have panel in the lower one-half, and a three light transom extends the width of the opening.

The east bay has a large 6/1 sash window flanked by narrow 4/1 sash. A nine light transom joins all three.

The single story porch is partially enclosed with a shingled railing. The porch rests on a stone foundation and is reached by three brick steps. The roof, which has tongue-and-groove ceiling, is supported by four square columns resting on stone piers.

The most characteristic feature of the bungalow style is the large dormer. This structure has a very wide centrally located dormer which has a shed roof and contains a 6/1 sash window. A small four light casement window is located on both the east and west sides.

A one shoulder stone chimney breaks the eaves of the east facade and is seen on this facade north of the ridge.

The east facade is approximately four bays long. The fenestration is mostly regular, with the exception of the two northernmost windows in the first level being placed in relation to the stone chimney which divides them, a pair of 6/1 sash directly south of the chimney on the second level and a small four light casement in each of the outer bays.

There is a vent in the gable end.

The south facade contains a shed roofed porch located in the western one-half of the facade. The western most portion has been enclosed with wood shingles and has one 6/1 sash window. The other one-half is only partially enclosed with a shingled railing. Two square columns support the roof which covers an entrance with a transom.

There is one 6/1 sash in the easternmost bay.

An interesting feature here is the large dormer, quite different from the dormer on the main facade. This one is much wider, has two 8/1 sash windows, and has a hipped roof.

The west facade has regular fenestration, including a centrally located bay window which has smaller 6/1 sash.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1915 - 1920's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

D. O. Schultz

WAYNE L. NIELD, II

ORGANIZATION

HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 405 W. PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
Parcel 541, Map 70-A

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
5112	398	July 27, 1970	Mary Green Ensor	F. Duncan Connell et al
Beginning on the south side of Pennsylvania Ave. at a distance of 100 feet Easterly from the corner formed by the east side of Highland Ave. with the south side of Pennsylvania Ave., South 77° 18' East 100 feet, South 12° 45' West 180 feet, North 77° 18' West 100 feet, North 12° 45' East 180 feet to beginning. Known as # 405 W. Pennsylvania Ave.				
585	573	March 19, 1924	James P. Offutt	Lawrence E. Ensor & wife
Lawrence E. Ensor died 1968.				
585	571	March 19, 1924	Lawrence E. Ensor & wf.	James P. Offutt
567	386	March 10, 1923	John T. Cockey & wife	Lawrence E. Ensor & wf.
569	35	January 13, 1923	George H. Stieber & wife	John T. Cockey & wife
Beginning at the corner formed by the east side of Highland Ave. with the south side of Pennsylvania Ave., Easterly 250 feet, Southerly 180 feet,...to beginning.				
429	188	May 20, 1914	Marion H. Merryman & wife	George H. Stieber

MORTGAGE RECORD

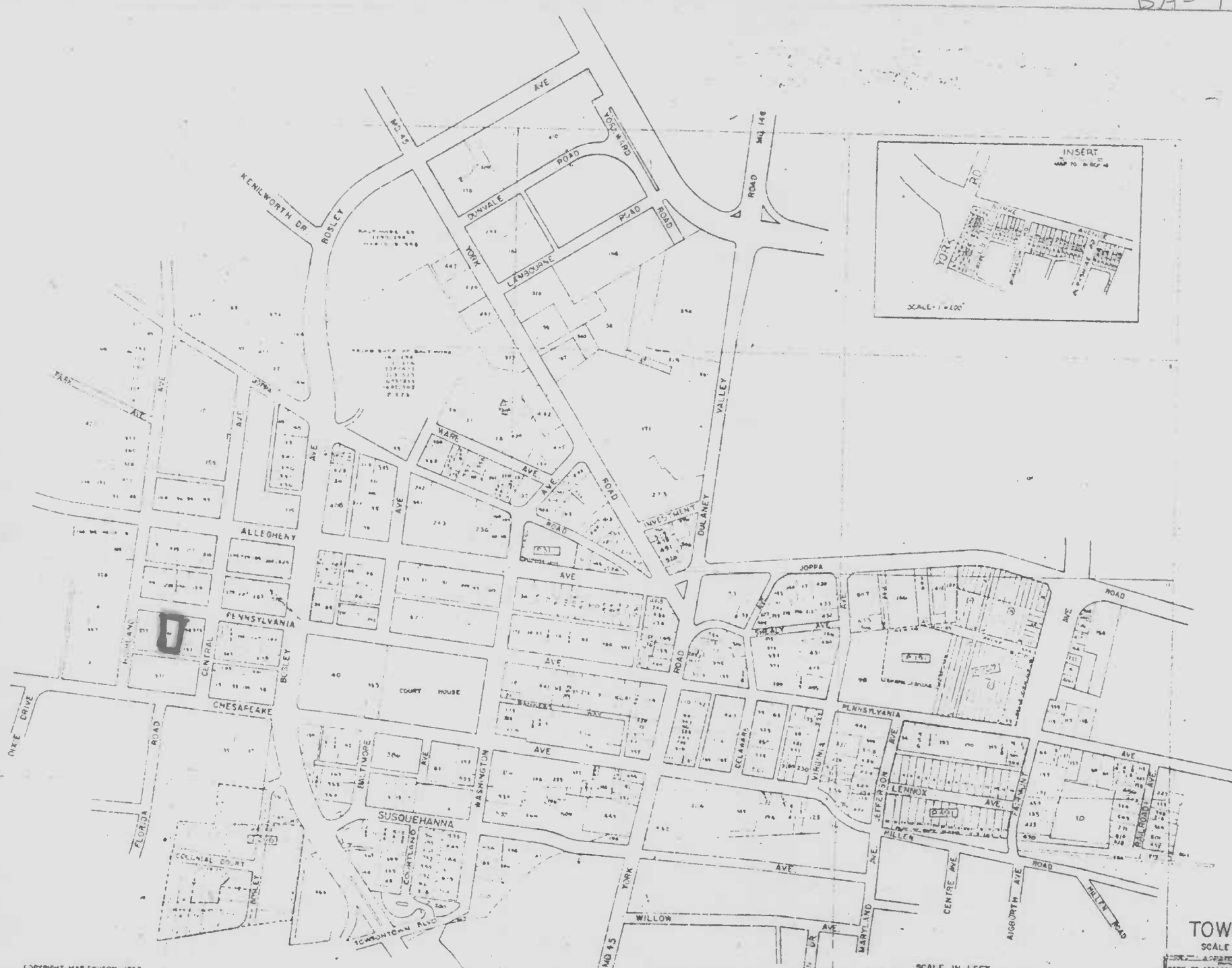
Mortgage Book 210, Folio 131 July 15, 1899

Dr. Grafton M. Bosley to the Maryland Title Insurance & Trust Company
for \$11,500

Twelve lots situated West of Towson represented on a plat filed with
the mortgage.

For the purpose of making accessible the said lots, the following
Avenues represented on the plat "are hereby dedicated to public use...":

Chesapeake Avenue
Pennsylvania Avenue
Allegheny Avenue
Highland Avenue
Bosley Avenue



TOWSON
SCALE 1" = 200'

DEPT. OF REVENUE & TAXATION
TAX MAP DIVISION

MAP NO
70A



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NORTH FACADE
405 PENNSYLVANIA
AVENUE

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